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1. NOVEMBER 9, AF/W DIRECTOR, REDDING (USDOC) AND EMBASSY OFFI-
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CER CALLED ON ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WEST AFRICAN STATES EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY OUATTARA. HE WAS VERY BUSY PREPARING FOR COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS MEETING NEXT WEEK, AND COMPLAINED THAT PRELUDE TO SUCH
MEETINGS STRIPPED HIM OF STAFF WHO WERE OBLIGED TO VISIT LARGE
NUMBER OF MINISTERS IN CAPITALS TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS AND
DELIVER MESSAGES. AF/W DIRECTOR RECALLED LAST MEETING IN WASH-
INGTON, DURING BANK AND FUND MEETING, AND ASKED HOW WORK PROGRAM

WAS PROGRESSING. OUATTARA SAID WORK WAS WELL UNDERWAY ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS, AND CITED AS AN EXAMPLE A STUDY OF TRANSPORTATION IN WEST AFRICA TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA BUT FINANCED BY ECOWAS. OUATTARA SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING A STUDY OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF LANDLOCKED SAHELIAN STATES WITH REMAINDER OF ECOWAS MEMBERS. HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ONITIRI DIRECTOR OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH (NISER) IN IBADAN ON SUBSTANCE OF SUCH A STUDY AND THAT ONITIRI HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE UNIVERSITY IN ABIDJAN. OUATTARA SAID HE HAD NOT YET HAD A REPLY FROM ONITIRI BUT EXPECTED ONE SHORTLY. AF/W DIRECTOR SAID WE WERE CONSIDERING WAYS OF APPROACHING SAME SUBJECT, ADN OFFERED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WHEN OUR IDEAS WERE MORE CLEARLY FORMED, A PROPOSAL OUATTARA WELCOMED.

2. AF/W DIRECTOR SUMMARIZED RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF ROMEO HORTON MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE ECOWAS FUND. OUATTARA APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE WORK PROGRAMS OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE IN WORKABLE FORM BY END OF YEAR. HE SAID HE EXPECTS VISIT WASHINGTON POSSIBLY IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH IBRD. HE ACCEPTED INVITATION CALL ON DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

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